

**FREMONT OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2005, TOWN HALL 7:00.PM**

**MINUTES**

Present: Janice O'Brien, Noreen Johnson, Matthew Thomas, Jack Karcz, Scott Olsen  
Jean Ragonese

Guests: Pat & Bruce DeBeer, Mike Speltz (Society Protection of NH Forests)

Co-Chairperson Janice opened meeting at 7:05 pm.

Mike Speltz updated us on the Lawrence Property easement. 318 acre survey done, draft of easement was done. The Conservation Commission still has to review the document. It has yet to be approved. An additional 25-acre piece survey is being completed. Expected to be done by Mid-November. Mike to get draft of this property. Title complete on both. He will walk the property and check for hazardous waste. Hopes to have closing before end of year –sees early December as a possible date. Those who contributed to the "Option Fund" in 2004 will be reimbursed by January 2006. It was suggested that we do PR with pictures of the acquisition of the property. Take photos of people using the property for winter activities. Make Fremonters know it is open to public use.

It was announced that Mr. Lawrence passed away this past summer in Mass.

Mike announced that he was a new 3-piece property that two Smith brothers (Richard & Bob) are interested in conserving. He passed out maps of the property. They also have a parcel that goes into Brentwood connected to the Fremont pieces. Brentwood section abuts Rte 125. There is approximately 80 acres in Fremont, maybe 30 in Brentwood. Assessed value now is \$369,750. An appraisal would have to be done with cost shared 3 ways. The 3 parties who will pay for the appraisal are Fremont 1/3, Brentwood 1/3 and the Smith Brothers 1/3, approximately \$1000 to \$1500 from each. We don't need appraisal right away. We would do a limited restricted appraisal for value.

Mike announced that PEA is still discussing putting their land, which abuts Glen Oakes, into conservation land. No decision yet by them.

Mike also mentioned that the Kelleher property in Fremont abuts the Smith land. He has talked to the Kelleher's previously about an easement on their land. Mrs. Kelleher recently passed away. Mike will contact Mr. Kelleher in the future.

7:50: Agenda continued: Matt asked about a Bond for 2006 town meeting. Will we ask for \$1 million again? That could include the cost of the Smith property if we decide to purchase it. We will discuss Bond at future meetings. We will have to check with Conservation Comm. To see if they are willing to spend up to \$1500 for the appraisal on the Smith property mentioned above.

It was voted that we set up a meeting with Brentwood representatives to see if they are interested in the Smith property and if they would contribute to the appraisal.

After discussion it was voted by all present to pursue the investigation of the Smith property. Criteria would be first step and Properties committee members will meet to go over land information to see if it meets our criteria. They will meet on October 25th. at 7:00 pm, Town Hall. Committee members are: Jack, Matt, Scott, Bill Johnson, Peter Bolduc, Jean and Janice.

Janice asked if we could change meeting night to accommodate member who has a conflict with 2nd Tuesday. All voted to change date to first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting date Tuesday November 1st 7:00 pm.

Janice reported that we had approximately \$1000 left in our P.R. Fund

Minutes of meeting of September 13th unanimously accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Submitted

Noreen Johnson  
Secretary